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TALES CALCULATED TO DRIVE YOU



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WE'RE  
LOOKING FOR  
A MONSTER,  
MA'M! HAS  
ONE BEEN  
BY HERE  
LATELY?







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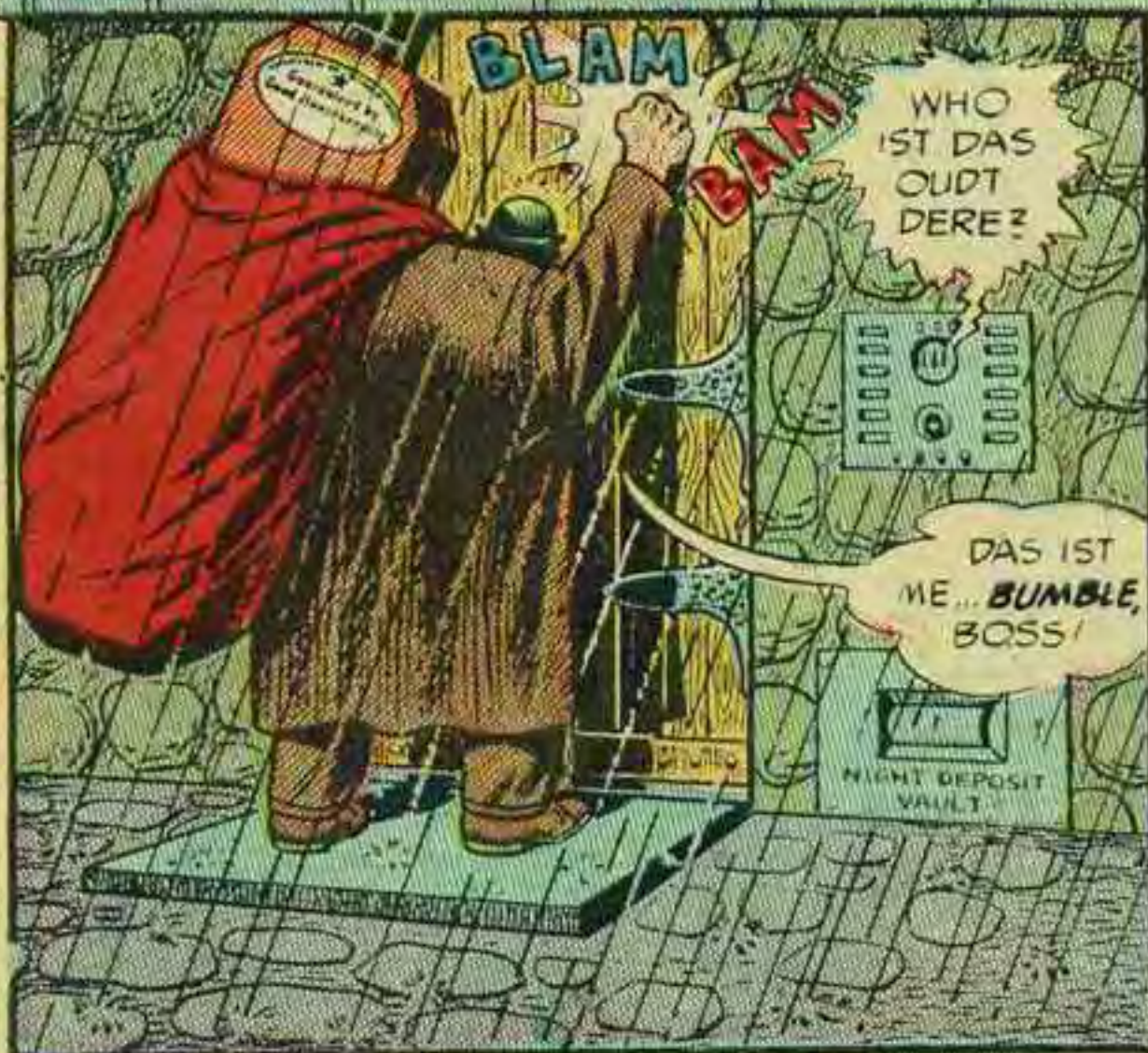
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**TERROR DEPT.:** THE SCENE FOR THIS REAL CRAZY STORY IS SET IN THE LITTLE EUROPEAN TOWN OF VEEBLEFETZER! A FIGURE, BENT BENEATH THE WEIGHT OF A GRISLY RED SACK, IS SEEN TOILING UP THE HILL TOWARDS THE CASTLE OF BARON VON STEIN!... BARON FRANCESCO NAPOLEON STEIN... KNOWN FOR SHORT AS...

# FRANK N. STEIN!





BUMBLE! YOU GODT A WAY OF FUMBLING INTO MY LABORATORY, CHUST WHEN I AM IN DER MIDST OF MY MOST DELICATE EXPERIMENTS THAT TAKE DER GREATEST CONCENTRATION UND ATTENTION!



HOW CAN I POSSIBLY DO DIS HERE CALCULATION DOT TAKES ONLY DER MOST DELICATE OPERATIONS UND DER MOST CAREFUL MACHINERY WIT DER TINY LIDDLE NEEDLES UND WHEELS UND I GOTTA PICK UP DER TEENCHY FILLAMENTS MIT DER TWEEZERS...



PHEW! DOT'S A TOUGH CHOB KNOCKING ON DER RADIATOR! NOW MAYBE DOT FERSHLUGGINER LANDLORD SENDS UP SOME HEAT!

ZO, BUMBLE! DID YOU GET DER TINGS I SENT YOU OUDT FOR?



DID YOU GET DER CORPSES FROM DER GRAVEYARD, DER HUMAN HEARTS FROM DER MORGUE, DER LUNGS FROM DER HOSPITAL, DER RINSO UND DER HALAVAH UND DER 3¢ SOUP-GREENS FROM DER A. UND P.?



GUTE!...GUTE GUTE! UND DESE CORPSES! DID YOU MAKE SURE DEY WAS NICE UND FRESH?



'JA, BOSS! JA, BOSS!' ALL DER TIME YOU ISS SAYING, 'JA BOSS.' RAUSE MITT DER 'JA, BOSS,' HEY VILL YOU?

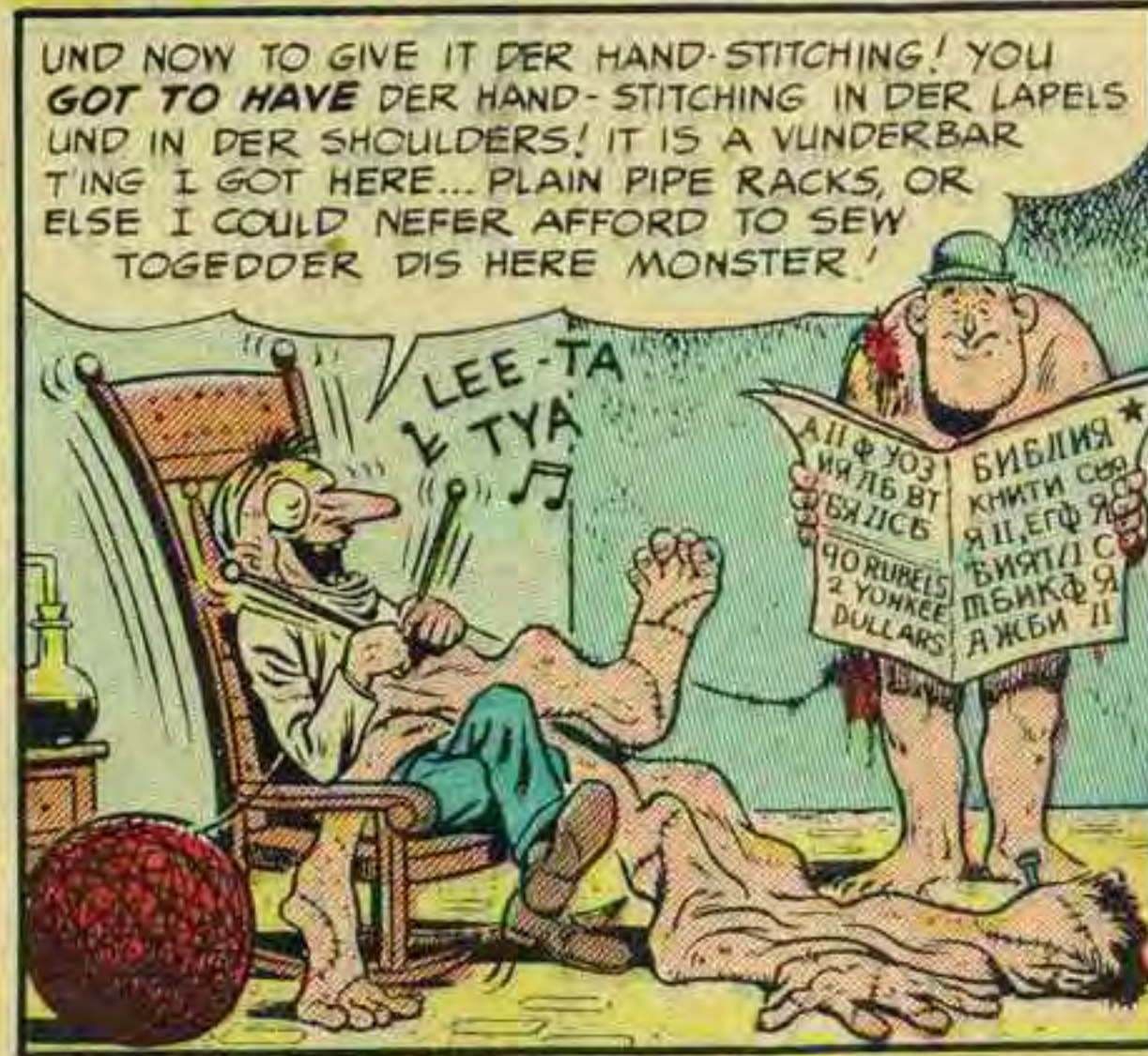
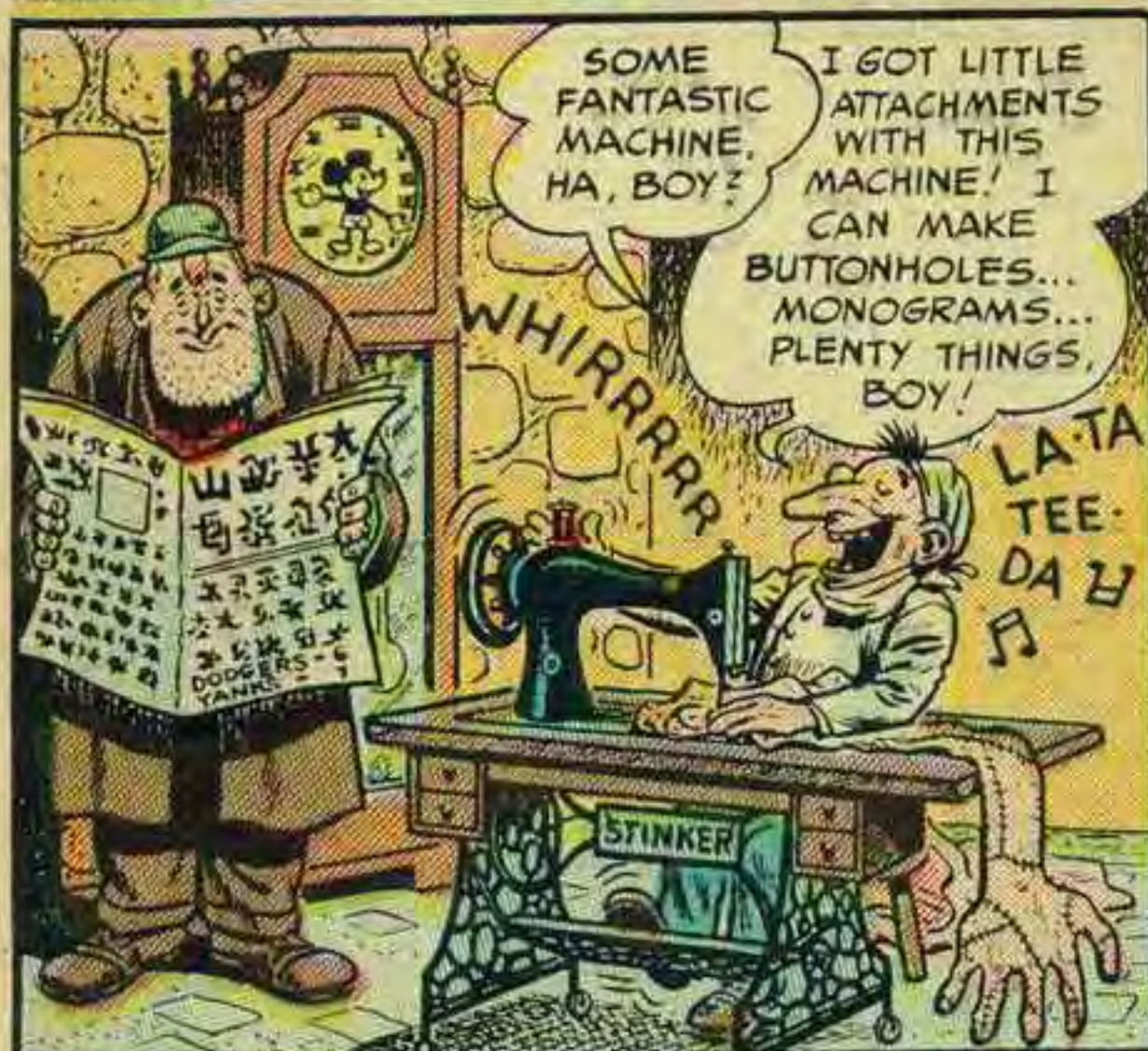


SCHVIENHUNT! YOU FORGOT DER DEPOSIT ON DER EMPTY BOTTLES FROM DER BLOOD PLAZMA!

... NOW! I WANT YOU TO HELP ME MIDT DER EXPERIMENTS!



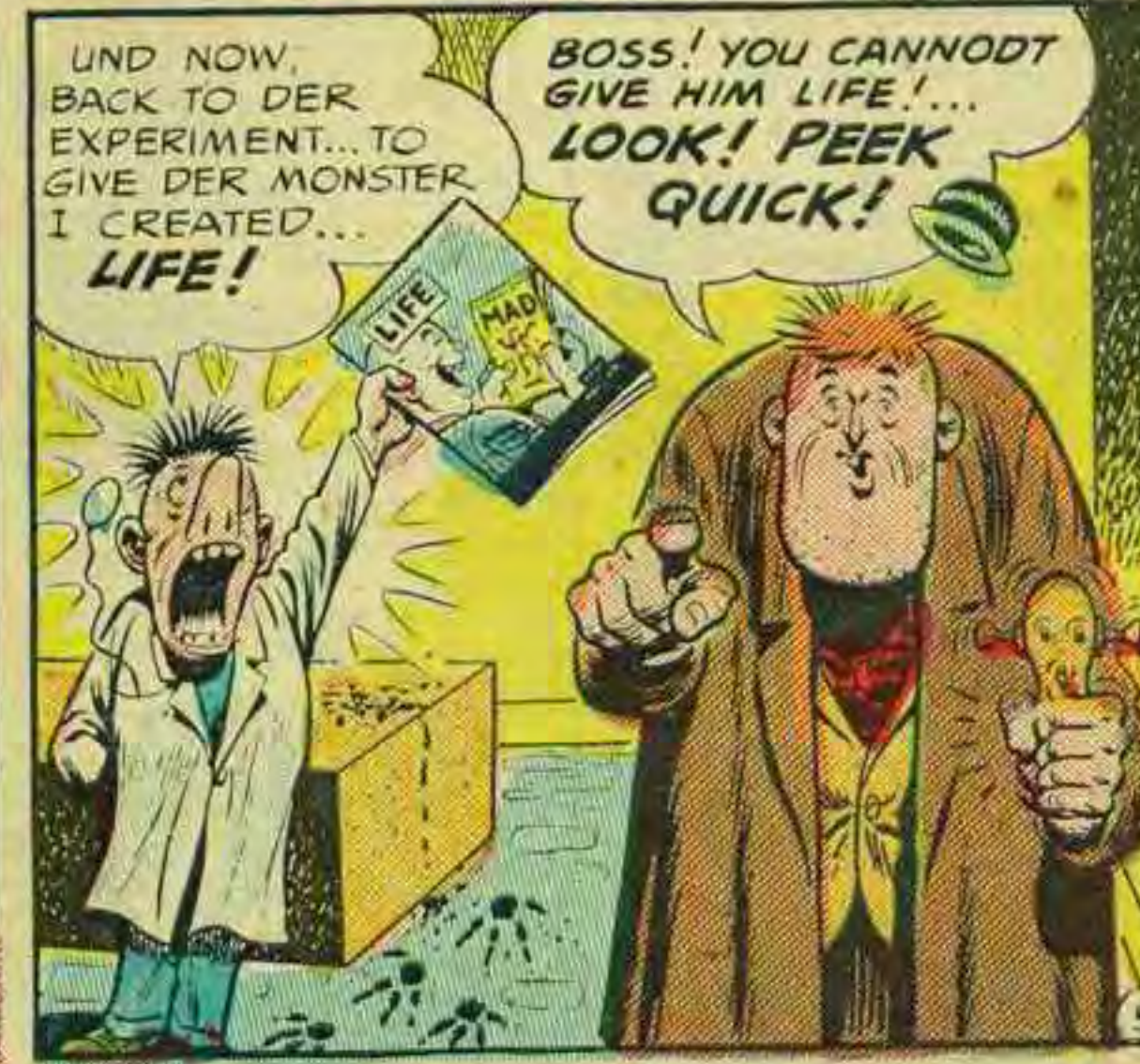
















DER MONSTER! HE ISS GE-SCRAMMED!

HOWZABOUT DOT! ...UND HE DIDN'T EFFEN BODDER TO SHUT THE DOOR BEHIND HIM!



ACH DU LIEBER AUGUSTINE... WE MUST FIND HIM UND BRING HIM BACK TO CHUSTICE!... HMMM! I VUNDER VICH VAY HE VENT? DID YOU SEE VICH VAY HE VENT? I VUNDER VICH VAY VE GOT TO VENT?



I RECKON HE WENT THATAWAY!

WE'LL SADDLE-UP, BUMBLE! LET'S BURN LEATHER! I THINK WE CAN HEAD 'IM OFF AT THE PASS!



... HERE HE COMES, BUMBLE! PUT ASIDE YOUR INSTRUMENTS OF VIOLENCE! PUT-AWAY-FIRE-STICK!... PHYSICAL VIOLENCE IS NOT THE ONLY WAY TO DEAL WITH MEN!... THERE ARE OTHER WAYS... SPIRITUAL WAYS...



MONSTER! LISTEN! I AM BARON VON FRANK N. STEIN! I CREATED YOU!



...I GAVE YOU LIFE, BOY! I WEANED YOU FROM A CLUMP OF GEARS, NUTS AND BOLTS, BOY!



I GAVE YOU LIFE, BOY! I CLEANED UP THE 13 AREAS OF THE BODY THAT BAD ODORS EMANATE FROM!... I GAVE YOU LIFEBUOY!



THAT'S IT, BOY! THAT'S IT, MONSTER OL' BOY! (SNIFF) COME TO YOUR EVER-LOVIN' PAPPY! (SNIFF)... YOUR FATHER WANTS YOU TO COME HOME (SNAFFLE) BOY! HOME... (BOOHOO)!!

TROMP TROMP TROMP TROMP







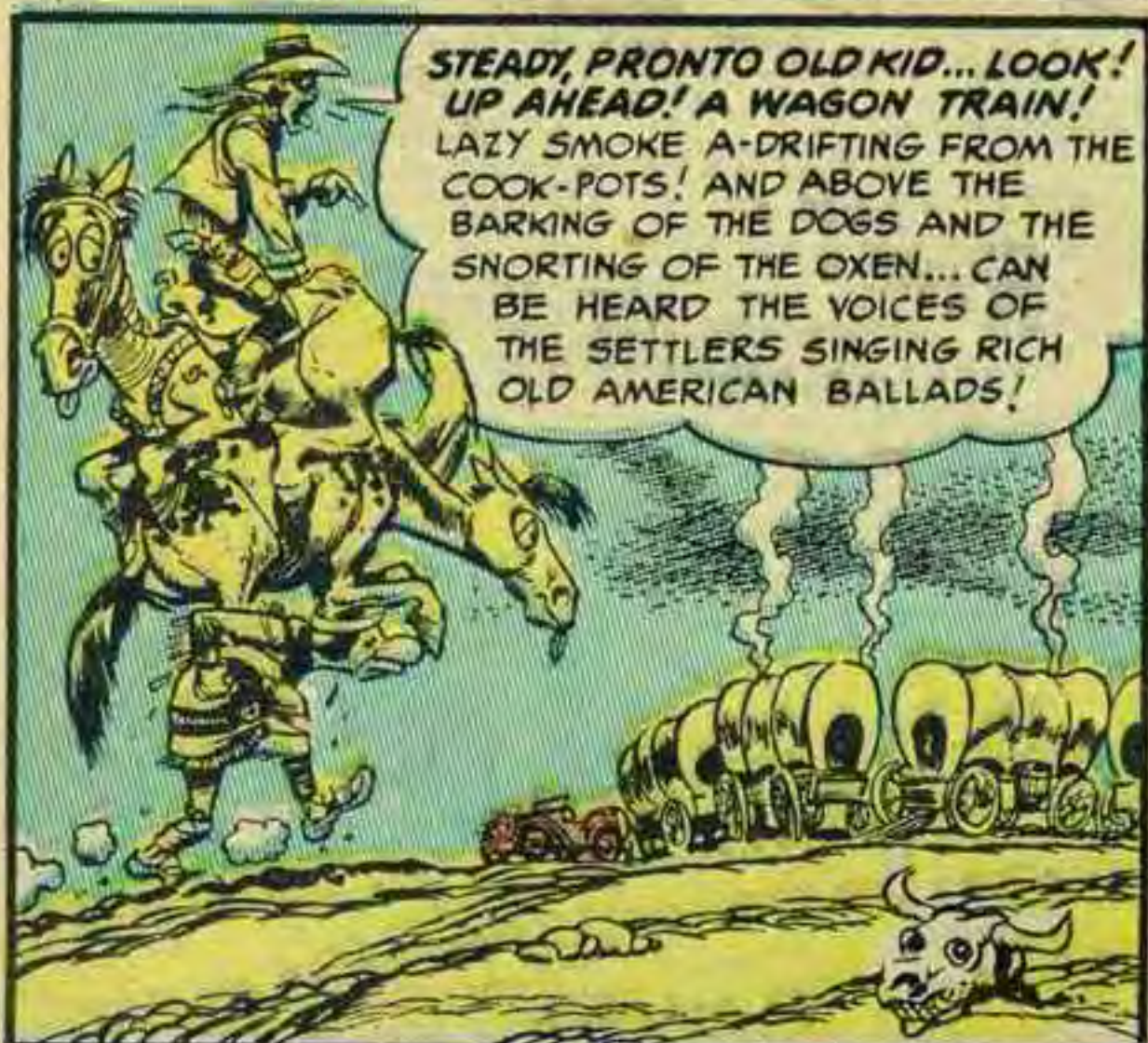




WESTERN DEPT.: THE SCENE OPENS UP TO THE SOUND OF TWO THUNDERING SIX-GUNS... TO THE SOUND OF GOLDEN BULLETS TEARING THROUGH THE AIR... TO THE SOUND OF THE WILLIAM TELL OVERTURE IN THE BACKGROUND! OUT OF THE PAST COME THE HOOFEATS OF THE GREAT HORSE GOLDEN! THE...









HEY, YOU  
SETTLERS!  
LOOKA DIS  
MASKED MAN  
WIT' INDIAN  
ASSISTANT...

...HEY WAIT A  
MINUTE!... AN  
INJUN!... WITH  
A MASKED  
MAN!... R-RIDING  
A GOLDEN  
STALLION...

AT EASE, PRONTO!...  
SEE? I KNEW  
THEY'D KNOW ME!  
ESPECIALLY WHEN  
I PLAYED THIS  
BACKGROUND  
MUSIC FROM THE  
WILLIAM TELL  
OVERTURE!



NOW MEN! TAKE IT EASY, MEN!...  
I'LL SHAKE YOUR HANDS ONE AT  
A TIME... GIVE YOU AUTOGRAPHS!  
... JUST DON'T CROWD ME!

...WE  
KNOW  
WHO  
THAT  
IS ALL  
RIGHT!

IT'S A  
BLASTED  
OWL-HOOT  
CATTLE  
RUSTLER!  
ELSE WHY  
WOULD HE  
WEAR THAT  
MASK!

HOL' ON,  
BOYS! YOU  
SETTLERS CUM  
FUM THE EAST  
HAIN'T NEVER  
HEER'D TELL OF  
THE FAMOUS  
MASKED RIDER OF  
THE WEST! THIS IS  
NOT A LONE  
STRANGER... NOT  
**SOME** LONE  
STRANGER... BUT  
**THE** LONE  
STRANGER!



**THE  
LONE  
STRAN-  
GER???**

ALLAH!

ALLAH!  
AKBAR!

ALLAH!

ALLAH!

ALLAH!

ALLAH!



COME JOIN US AT THE  
COOK-POT, LONE  
STRANGER!... US  
SETTLERS, RUSHING WEST-  
WARD, EVER WESTWARD,  
OVER THE GREAT  
DIVIDE, TAKING OUR  
WAGONS LIKE SAILING  
SHIPS ACROSS THE  
PRAIRIE... NEVER TURN  
DOWN THE WAYFARIN'  
STRANGER... ESPECIALLY  
THE WAYFARIN' LONE  
STRANGER WHO...

PODNUH!  
I'M A MAN  
OF FEW  
WORDS  
AND  
PLENTY  
ACTION!  
**GIT OUT  
THE WAY!**



(CHOMP! GULP!)...YOU SEE (CHOMP)  
...THE REASON PRONTO AND I  
(GLUNK) HAVE JOINED THIS WAGON  
TRAIN IS FOR NO OTHER MOTIVE  
(PASS THE KETCHUP) THEN TO  
PROTECT THE WAGON TRAIN  
(SLOP) AS IT MOVED (P-TEW)  
LIKE A ROW OF GHOSTLY  
SAILBOATS ACROSS THE (GIT  
YOUR COTTON PICKIN' HANDS OFF  
THAT DRUMSTICK) PRAIRIE!



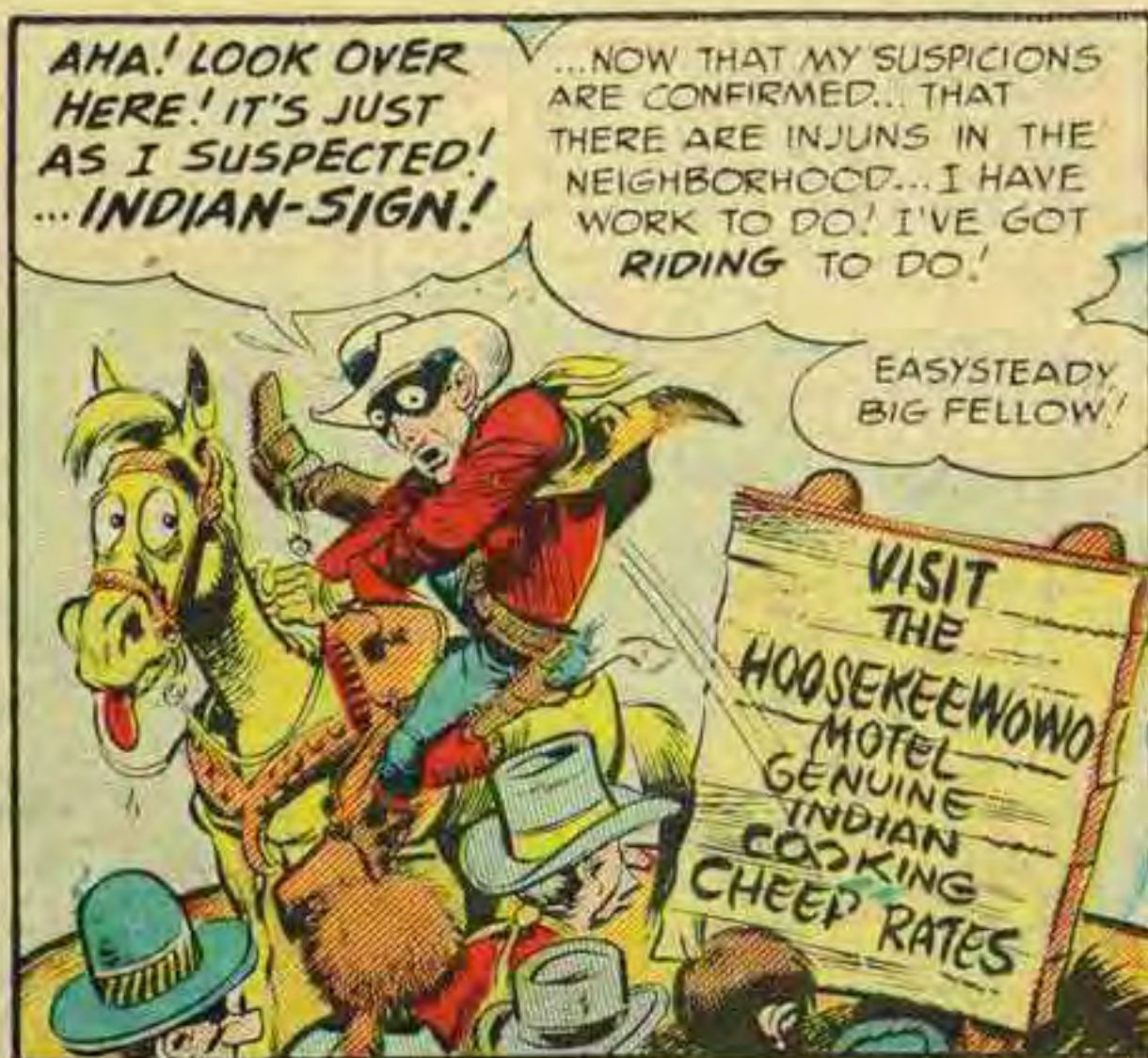
WE HAD NO OTHER MOTIVE IN  
MIND (SLURP) WHEN WE JOINED  
THIS HERE FURSHLUIGINER  
WAGON TRAIN (BADABURP)!...  
AND NOW SUH... WE'VE HAD OUR  
FILL!... WE'RE FEELIN' OUR  
'CHEERIOS'! BESIDES... WE'RE  
NOT THE ONLY ONES THAT MUST  
EAT... THE WOMEN AND CHILLUN  
MUST BE WELL FED TOO!













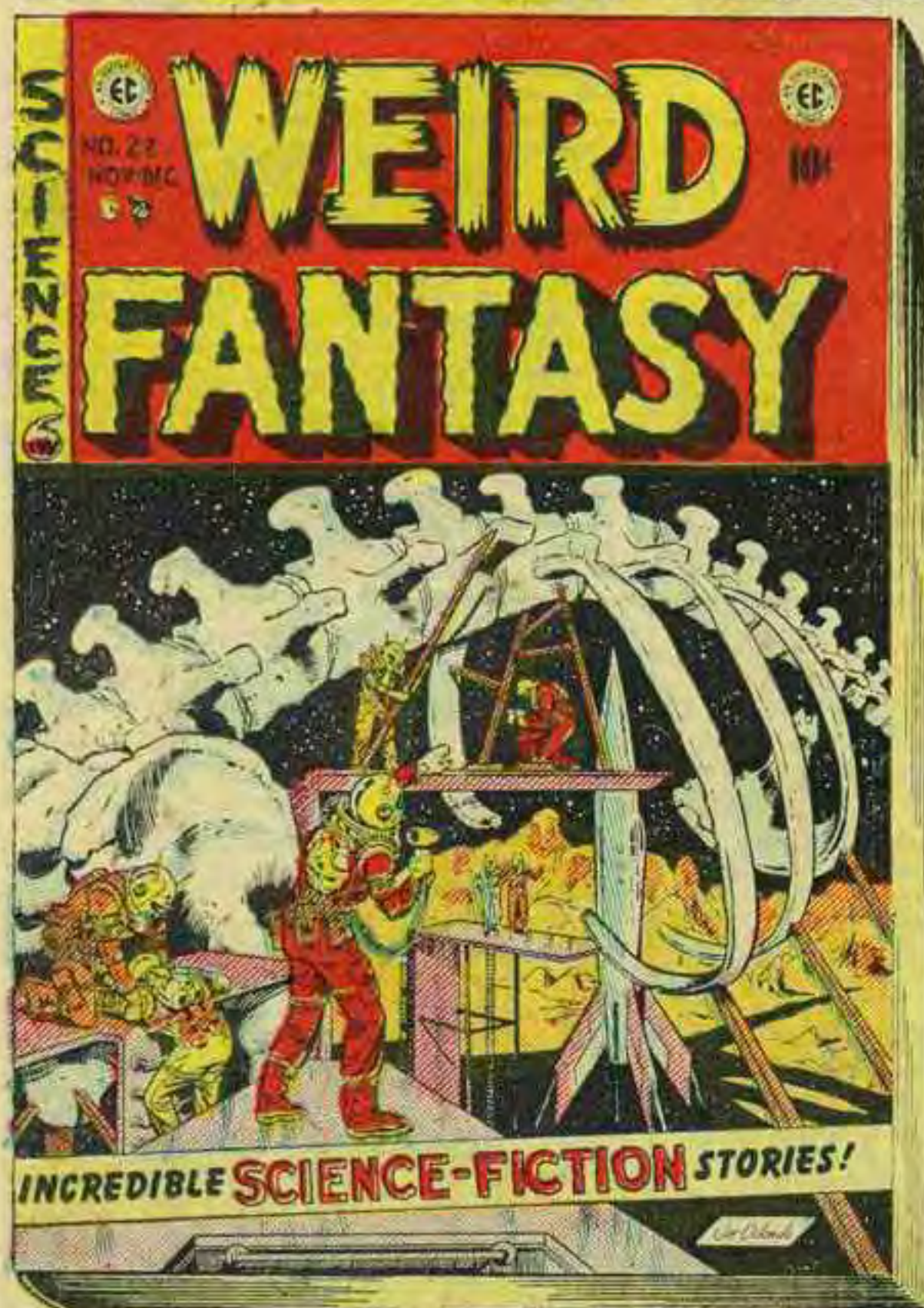








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As you no doubt recall, in our last chapter, Jones' chief in Washington gave Jones the incredible news that the Russians were manufacturing **ARTIFICIAL DIRT**. This gave Jones grounds to believe that a filthy plot was undertoot. So on to **CHAPTER II** of...



... The chief continues: "Can you see what this development can do to our country, man?! Why, this could render the American sod completely useless! And think of all those poor Russian earth-worms crawling through **PHONEY** dirt!! (sniff-sniff) **HORRIBLE!** Now here's your assignment, Agent Jones. (By the way, from now on you'll have to go under the code name of **SHOVEL**.) Your mission, Shovel, is to dig up this dirt plot. It's a dangerous job, Shovel, but we feel you're the best qualified man for the job ... seeing that you've been in the **UNDERGROUND** so long. You'll be picked up by submarine just off the coast under cover of darkness this afternoon at one sharp! The sub will take you behind the Iron Curtain. Got that, **SHOVEL!**?"



"I'll be there, chief!"

The next scene is the dock under cover of darkness. A submarine chugs up just as Jones arrives carrying a lantern, and an open umbrella, and a bandana containing all his personal belongings tied to the end of a stick over his shoulder. The sub itself is a battered old wreck with a figure-head on the prow. It is all patched up with band-aids, and some sailors are plugging up holes with their fingers.

Jones asks the sub's skipper if the sub leaks, saying that the government can't afford security leaks. They enter the sub whose hatches are battened down. The engine is a rubber band (like an airplane model). The sub gets under way beneath the waves. An airplane flies past leisurely. Finally the submarine reaches the Iron Curtain, and some of the crew have to get out to use some braces-and-bits to drill through the curtain. They drill a hole and the sub passes through with ease.

Some time later on a lonely street, a sewer grating is lifted and through it protrudes a submarine periscope with a yellow bloodshot eyeball framed in the glass, as that crazy mixed up Shovel digs Moscow.

... Well! The plot sickens! We've reached the end of the page, and so we moscow. If you want to find out what happens next in the adventures of Five Finger Jones, you'll have to buy another copy of MAD! (Boy, have WE got YOU sewed up!)



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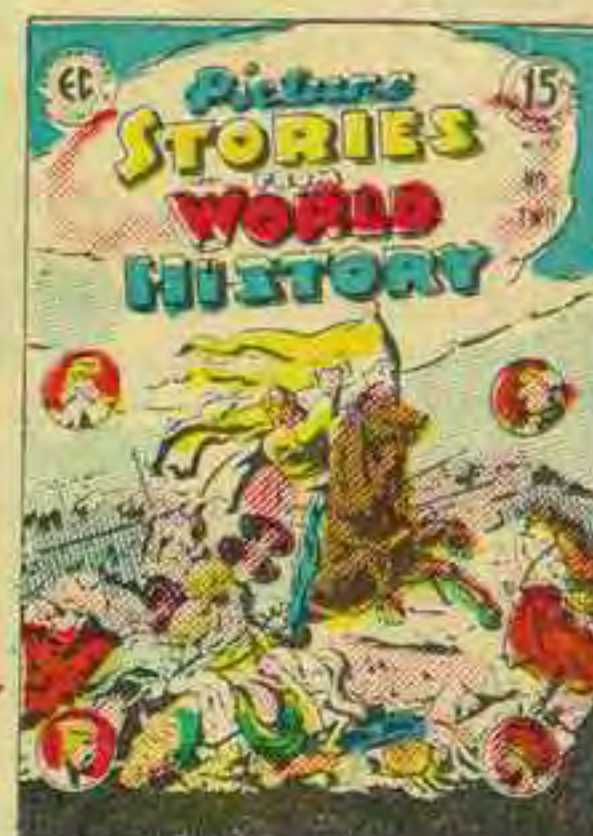


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# MAD MUMBLINGS



Dear Editors,

...If you ask me, MAD is a disgusting, dirty, no-count comic and shouldn't be on the stands!! But it's just what we want. Keep up the great work.—John Hurt—Elgin, Oregon

...I know you would like to hear from a dissatisfied reader of MAD. That is why I am writing. I think you should be boiled in oil or killed by the death of a thousand cuts. Melvin should sic his apes on you. Your printing presses should be reduced to rubble by one punch from Superduperman, and you should be pummelled with used D.C. comic books. Just in case you are tired of this, I am tired of seeing MAD as a bimonthly comic. How about a *monthly* MAD, please?—Ronald Ketterer, Reading, Pa.

...I dare say you BLUNDERING IDIOTS will never stop making mistakes, will you? I thought you might be a little more careful with *Mad* than you have been with other E.C. mags. But no! You start right in making mistakes in *Mad* too. In issue number six, you told the story of CASEY AT THE BAT. Since Casey was my third uncle, 627½ times removed, when you made the following atrocious error I was very shocked. With the count nothing and two, Casey *removes his teeth* and prepares himself for the next pitch. As it comes, a sneer of satisfaction crosses his face and he *displays a full set of teeth*. Would you kindly let me know where he got the *second set of teeth*? I am deeply distressed at your mistake.—Harry Mitchell Jr.—Mudville, U.S.A.

...Vat's dis? *Mad* only once every *two* months? How dare you! It's inhuman, cruel, and besides, it's not nice! What would Farouk think? Have mercy! Begin publishing that magazine once a month.—Bobby Perry—Auburn, Alabama

...I have read a few of your *Mad* comics, and in my opinion, I have never seen so silly a book in my life. It gives the child a mean mind and teaches him to hate other nations. I hate comic books for I am a Martian.—Aurtvo Servix—Canal 5, Cave 62

...My son, Gene Sultan, is Bat Boy for the N. Y. Giants, and just before he left for the Polo Grounds today, he begged me to read "Casey at the Bat" in your No. 6 issue of *Mad*. I told him not to annoy me, that I had other more important things to do. However, after he had gone, I thought I would humor him and read the story.

Well, I got such a kick out of it, and had to laugh out loud so many times, that I just felt I had to send you a short note complimenting you. The drawings are a brilliant satire on America's favorite sport. Be-

lieve me, I thoroughly enjoyed it!—Rose Sultan—New York City

...It might interest you to know that my buddy signed over the title to his '40 Plymouth on the condition that I call off his debt of \$165.00 and get him an issue of *Mad*—Bill Wiesenbach—Pensacola, Fla.

...The greatest brains of this school convene and discuss Calculus, Philosophy and *Mad*. This comic book is the only one we deem intelligent enough for our reading.—Some students of the Atascadero Union High School: Grace Woodworth, Tony Wilson, Carol Wilson, Donnadine Uischner, Pat Willey, Gene Dell'Anno, D. Morgan, Barbara Fresbie, Lee Erickson

...I read your issue No. 6 with great interest, even getting so far as the *Mad* Mumblings. There I was greatly disappointed to see that you had accepted a letter from some *engineering students* as *fit to print*. Here in Norfolk we are on the same campus as V.P.I., and I have therefore had experience with engineering students. So I say, and I speak with authority, that engineers do *not* have overracked brains, for they simply have *no brains* to be overracked!

I hope you will take this into consideration when you next receive a letter from one of the characters that live up to the name of your book...MAD!—Chucks Hancox—College of William and Mary, Virginia

...I bought a copy of *Mad*. I have to keep it locked in a safe, and when one of the boys wants to read it, we have to lock all the doors. We classified it "Top Secret." A couple more of those stories and we'll have the enemy licked.—Howard Griffith—U.S. Naval Air Base, Virginia

...I know your staff will not print this because they fear that if they do, some of their readers will be converted to the good way of life. The men who think up such stories must be possessed by the devil! I have glanced through your book. I was lucky to live just glancing through. Death to you fiends!—David Allessio—Pittsfield, Mass.

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EDITOR PRESENTS SIX  
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CREATIONS OF **HARVEY  
KURTZMAN!**... SIX MORE  
EXAMPLES OF THAT ZANY  
NONSENSE CALLED...

# HEY LOOK

YOU WILL NOTICE HOW THIS  
CHAIR **FITS** YOU WHEN YOU  
SIT... AND FOR A SMALL DOWN  
PAYMENT...



..AND IF YOU WANT A CHAIR  
TO RELAX IN, NOTICE HOW THIS  
ONE ENVELOPES YOU... AND  
FOR ONLY A SMALL DOWN  
PAYMENT...



NOW, HERE'S A SIM-  
PLE, FUNCTIONAL CHAIR  
THAT IS VERY UNIQUE.  
IT **GRIPS** YOU!



HERE...TRY IT! RELAX AND  
NOTICE HOW IT PRACTICAL-  
LY GRASPS YOU! NOW FOR  
A SMALL DOWN PAYMENT..



..YOU CAN  
FOLLOW OUR  
EASY PAY-  
MENT PLAN..

BOY! DOES  
THIS GRIP!



... IN  
NO  
TIME..

HEY! THIS  
CHAIR IS  
TRYING  
TO EAT  
ME!



WO  
HOPPEN?

THIS CHAIR  
GRIPS TOO  
MUCH! LUCKY  
I HAD  
MY SCOUT KNIFE!

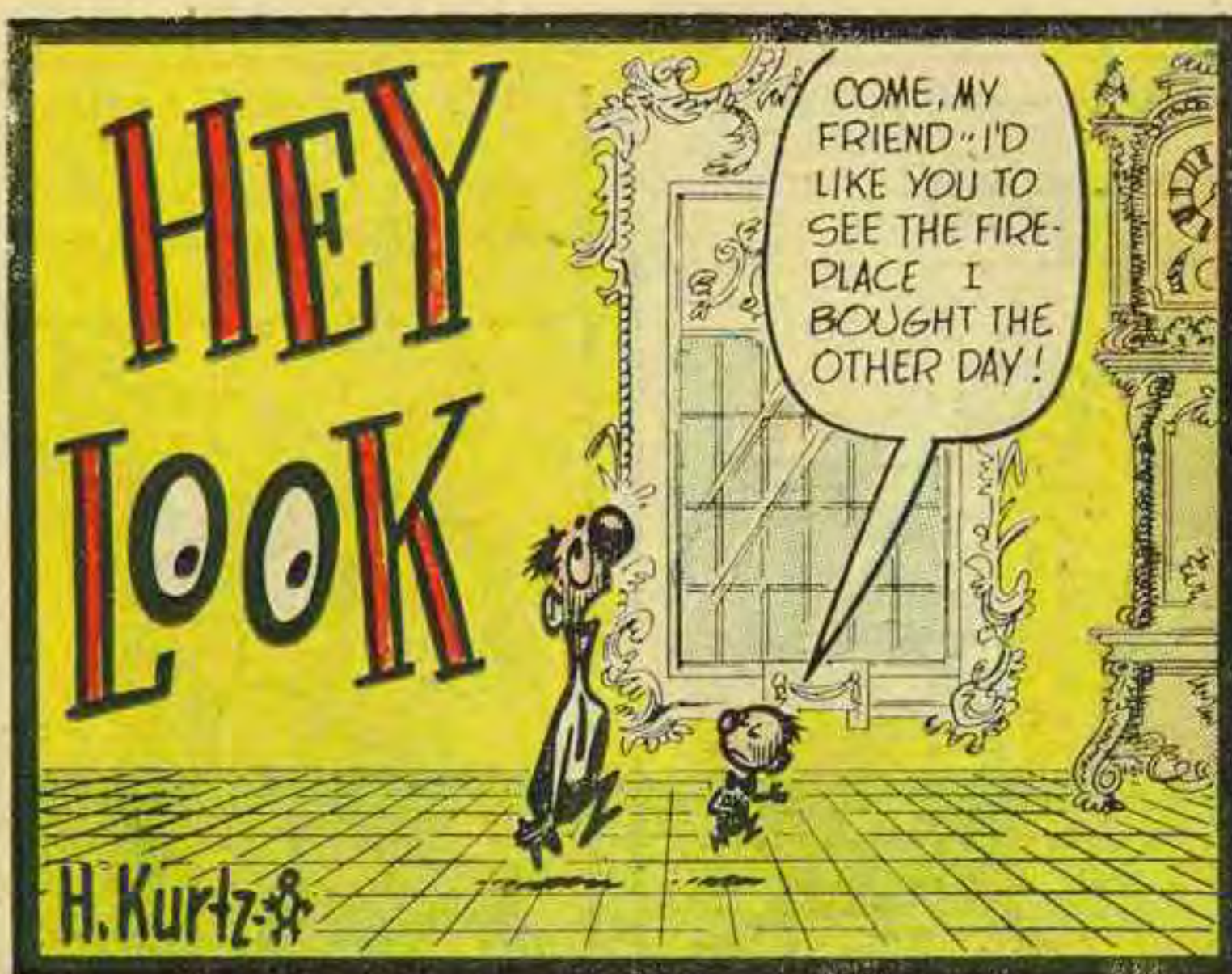


HEY! WEREN'T YOU GOING  
TO BUY A CHAIR TODAY?

EH! IT'S SAFER  
SITTING ON THE  
FLOOR!

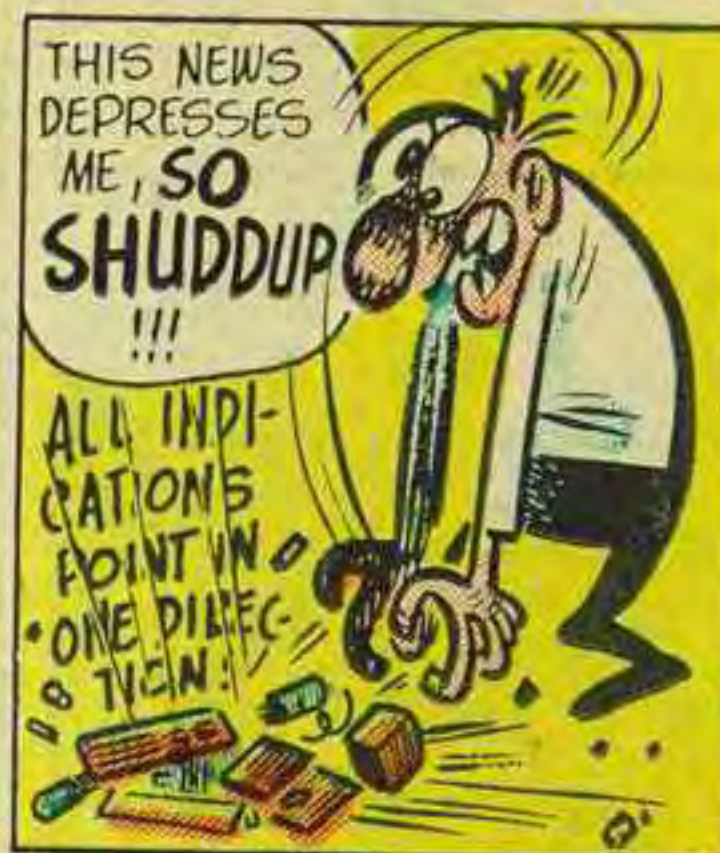








HEY  
LOOK!

















HERO WORSHIP DEPT.: YOU HAVE HEARD OF THOSE TWO MASKED, BAT-LIKE, CRIME-FIGHTERS OF GOTHAM CITY... YOU HAVE HEARD OF THEIR EXCITING DEEDS, OF THEIR CONSTANT WAR AGAINST THE UNDERWORLD!... THIS STORY, THEN... THIS STORY, THEN... HAS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO DO WITH THEM!... THIS STORY IS ABOUT TWO DIFFERENT PEOPLE...

# BAT BOY AND RUBIN!

NOTICE!  
THIS STORY IS A  
LAMPOON!  
IF YOU WANT TO  
SPEND YOUR DIME  
ON CHEAP, ROTTEN  
LAMPOONS LIKE THIS  
INSTEAD OF THE EVER-  
LOVIN' GENUINE, REAL  
THING... GO RIGHT  
AHEAD, BOY!

BAT BOY! BAT BOY! THE WHOLE GANG OF CROOKS  
IS GETTING READY TO **CHARGE!** SHOULD WE:  
(a) FIGHT 'EM WITH OUR FISTS?  
(b) FIGHT 'EM WITH OUR WEAPONS?  
(c) RUN?

I'LL TELL YOU WHAT WE SHALL  
DO, RUBIN! WE SHALL DO THE **MORAL**  
THING, THE **NOBLE** THING, THE THING  
OUR PUBLIC WOULD **EXPECT**  
US TO DO!

...WE RUN!

...BUT WAIT...

...IT JUST SO HAPPENS I HAVE HERE IN ONE OF  
THE LITTLE COMPARTMENTS OF MY WEAPON'S BELT,  
A TINY VIAL OF SECRET GAS THAT PARALYZES  
GANGSTERS **JUST** LONG ENOUGH TO TAKE THEM  
AWAY TO JAIL!

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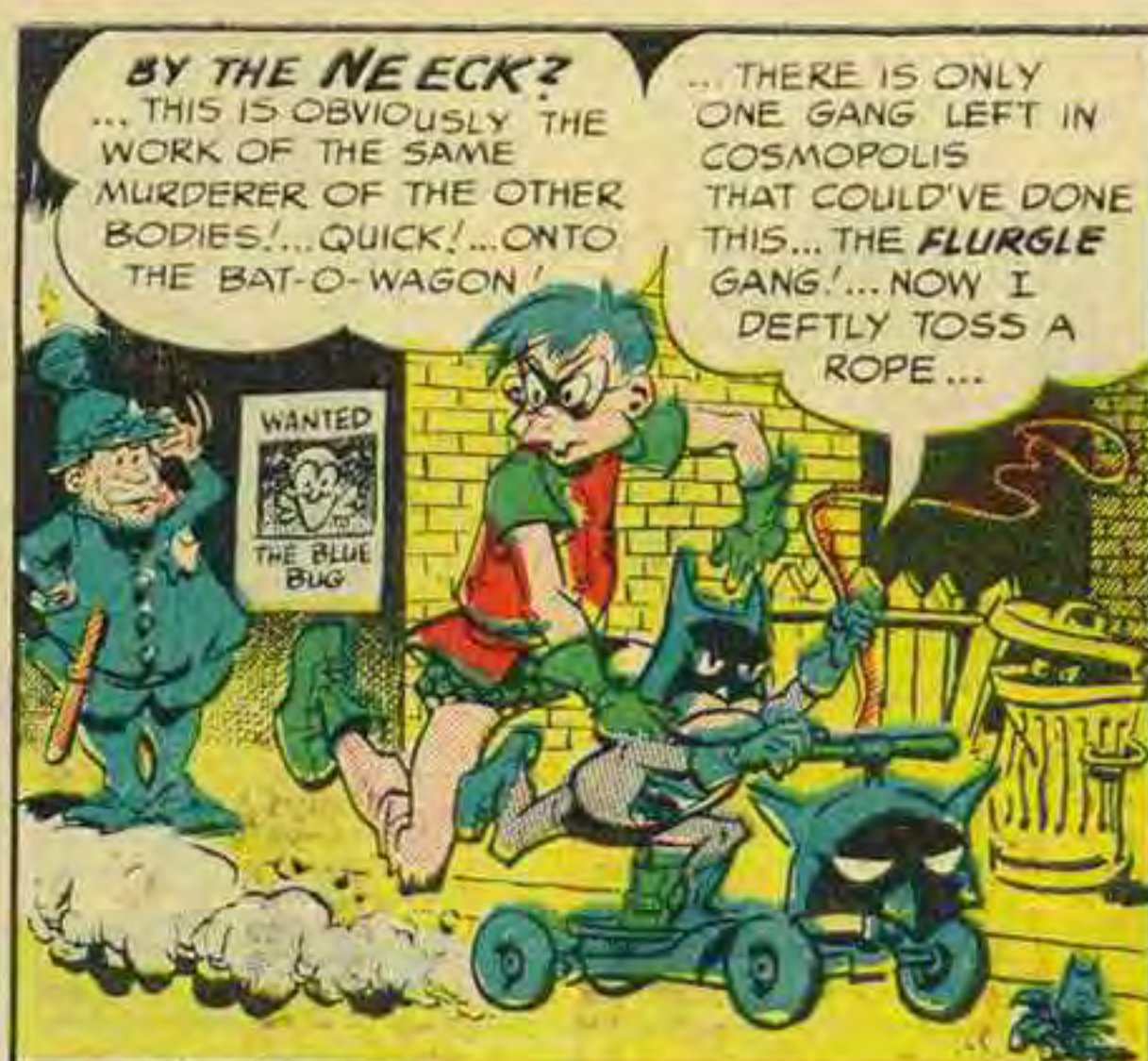


















WELL - P... THAT TAKES CARE OF THE FLURGLE GANG!... THERE ARE NO MORE GANGS LEFT IN COSMOPOLIS! THERE WILL BE NO MORE MURDERS! LETS HOP ONTO OUR BAT-O-CYCLES AND PEDAL HOME TO HEADQUARTERS!



PHEW! WHAT A DAY! SOMETIMES I WONDER, SINCE YOU ARE A WEALTHY YOUNG SOCIALITE IN REAL LIFE, WHY YOU KEEP KNOCKING YOURSELF OUT ON THIS 'BAT BOY' KICK! IT DON'T PAY, YOU KNOW!

RUBIN! THERE ARE OTHER THINGS IN LIFE BESIDES MONEY... **FINER** THINGS! ...THINGS THAT CANNOT BE **BOUGHT**... THINGS MUCH **BETTER!** **FINER** THAN MONEY!... THINGS LIKE... LIKE... **LIKE POWER! RRROW! WURF! GRRR!**

...NOW HANG UP MY CAPE LIKE A GOOD FELLOW!



HANG UP MY CAPE WHILE I TAKE A NAP, KID! CALL ME IF ANY CRIMINALS START FOOLING AROUND IN COSMOPOLIS!

TAKING YOUR NAP IN YOUR USUAL BAT POSITION, EH, BATBOY? ...I'LL JUST HANG YOUR CAPE IN YOUR CLOSET AND...

**EKK!**



ANOTHER DEAD BODY... KILLED IN THE SAME WAY AS THE OTHERS! THE FLOOGLE GANG IS WIPED OUT! THE FLEAGLE GANG IS WIPED OUT! THE FLURGLE GANG IS WIPED OUT!... THEN THE MURDERER CAN ONLY BE **ONE** OTHER PERSON... **ONE** OTHER PERSON... **ONE** CRAZY MIXED UP KID... AND **THAT IS... IS... IS...**



YES, RUBIN! THE VICTIM IS KILLED IN THE SAME WAY!... **TWO TINY HOLES ON THE VICTIM'S BODY... TWO TINY HOLES IN THE VEIN OF THE VICTIM'S BIG TOE...**



...**TWO TINY HOLES PUNCHED BY THE MURDERER... TWO TINY HOLES PUNCHED BY ME WITH MY CONDUCTOR'S PUNCHER... FOR YOU SEE, RUBIN, I AM NO FURSHLUGGINER... ORDINARY BATBOY!...**



**I... AM A VAMPIRE BATBOY!**





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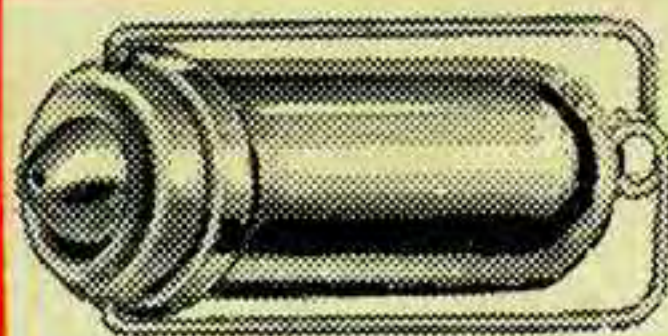
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